

THE RAILROADS.

The St. Louis, Arkansas & Texas Surveying Its Line from Commerce to Ft. Worth.

A Citizen Suggests a Line to the Southeast—The Fort Worth Western Engineers Reach Springfield—Notes.

Home Notes.
W. J. Sherman, assistant chief engineer of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe, was in the city yesterday.

The Houston & Texas Central train now reaches here in the morning at 2:35 and leaves in the evening at 4:45.

The Texas & Pacific is still waiting for some piping for the artesian well before going deeper and securing flowing water.

G. L. Harrison, Southern passenger agent of the Chicago & Northwestern, was in the city yesterday in the interest of his road.

A committee of citizens from Dublin, Comanche, Brownwood and Stephenville is in the city on business connected with the Fort Worth & Rio Grande road.

The St. Louis, Arkansas & Texas is now running its lines from Commerce to Greenville through Plano and Grapevine to this city. This line will be eighty miles long, and cross through a veritable garden spot. It will not be long until the line is located to Fort Worth.

December 9 round trip excursion tickets to San Francisco will be on sale here. The tickets are good to return for some time and cost only \$60. Mr. Lusk at the Union depot, has had a number of inquiries about these tickets already, and thinks a large number intend making the trip.

The surveyors of the Fort Worth Western line were in Springfield last night. Today they will start on the road to Jacksboro and have the assistance of a commissary from that place, in pointing out a route. Mr. W. A. Huffman had word from Springfield late yesterday, that the route of the road this far was simply splendid.

Fort Worth has never shown any desire to take from her neighbors any good thing they may have, but rejoices at their prosperity and has always aided where she could in giving them railroads. Fort Worth is now hoping that Dallas will put up \$10,000 and build the Gulf & Pacific. Fort Worth could use the road very well, considering that she crossed it with the Fort Worth & Denver at Decatur.

What does Dallas want with a branch of the Fort Worth & Denver when she now has the Texas & Pacific, the shortest connecting line with the "great Panhandle route," and boasts that she has as cheap rates to Ft. Worth & Denver points as Fort Worth has? Is Dallas determined to parallel the Texas & Pacific by a Fort Worth & Denver branch and the Fort Worth & Denver by building the Gulf & Pacific?

Bonham has a railroad committee, and THE GAZETTE is informed that McKinney also has one, and that it is now being considered by both committees whether it is not the proper thing for them to visit Fort Worth, and move in the matter of the "Frisco road." The road will come, but would not be a good thing to have the line from Fort Worth to McKinney and Bonham built by the time the Fort Smith extension reached Red river? Fort Worth is ready.

Cleburne has secured the end of divisions on the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe and division shops which will be of great benefit to her. Cleburne is fortunately situated, being at the junction of the Paris branch and the main line and the proper distance from Temple, the next end of division and junction point of the Ballinger branch and main line. Temple is in great in what she has, and so is Cleburne. Gainesville on the main line and Paris on the branch will also probably be ends of divisions.

In conversation with an official of the Fort Worth & Denver, that gentleman said there was an abundance of room between the Texas & Pacific and the Fort Worth & Denver for both the Southern Kansas of Texas and the Fort Worth Western. Their terminal points were widely apart, and each road went to towns not now reached, besides three roads through the great Northwest of Texas would develop her resources faster in proportion than one road could, and thus all would do better. With railroads come people, and in its section through which these roads would build had millions of acres waiting for the farmer. This vast territory is naturally tributary to Fort Worth, and the ties of commerce and friendship are strong between the people of the towns situated in this district and the city that has always aided them, Fort Worth.

A well-known citizen said to a GAZETTE reader yesterday: "There is a magnificent route for a railroad from Fort Worth to the pines through good commercial cities that shall be occupied by this city. That route is from Fort Worth to Waxahachie, Corsicana, Fairfield, Palestine and into the finest pine forests now left in America. Fort Worth has the Fort Worth & New Orleans to Waxahachie, now operated by the Houston & Texas Central; this could be extended on an air line to Corsicana, and then to Palestine and beyond as far as Newton and Jasper counties, passing through Cherokee and Angelina counties. This would be by many miles the shortest route to the pine country, and would give Corsicana, Waxahachie, Fort Worth and all points on the three Northwestern roads and the Fort Worth & Rio Grande lumber at the lowest possible cost. I have been over the route from Palestine to Corsicana, and tell you the land was made up for railroads on. If Fort Worth does not want to build the road herself with the aid of Corsicana and the other towns, the Houston & Texas Central, the Fort Worth & Denver or the Southern Kansas of Texas could be induced to do it by a liberal policy. I believe we will be induced by the people of Corsicana when I say her people would join Fort Worth heartily in this move."

Inspecting the Located Line.
WHITEWRIGHT, Tex., Dec. 2.—Mr. Jones, constructing engineer of the St. Louis, Arkansas & Texas railway, was in town to-day inspecting six miles of the located line east of here, and made his estimate on the contract and small bridges. Mr. Bation has the contract for the twenty-one miles of heavy work.

Bonham Working.

BONHAM, Tex., Dec. 2.—Bonham wishes to state that she is not asleep to her railroad interests, and, concerning

the "Frisco road," the committee here propose to move every cog they can to secure the road through this place to McKinney and to Fort Worth. The gentlemen will work hard, and hope to have the co-operation of the route cities. When this is done the pull can be made more easily and with more certainty.

The El Paso Post.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 2.—The El Paso pool meeting, after breaking up in something of a row last evening, was with great effort reassembled again this morning. The efforts of the lines running between El Paso and points in Arizona and New Mexico have been directed toward the formation of a pool, but so far their work has proved fruitless. If an arrangement is not consummated very soon the whole matter will probably be thrown into the hands of arbitrators.

Garrison's Shops.

Special to the Gazette.

CLEBURNE, Tex., Dec. 2.—Your correspondent was informed this evening by one of the committee appointed to solicit subscriptions to the machine-shop fund that the entire amount necessary had been subscribed, and that no difficulty is being experienced in the collection from those who had agreed to contribute.

Since Cleburne has secured the machine shops of the Santa Fe railroad, and since the agitation in reference to the railroad from Weatherford to Corsicana, real estate and town property in and around the city has changed hands quite rapidly. The county clerk reports that real estate transfers are being filed for record at the rate of five each day.

Texas & Pacific Reorganization.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 30.—Mr. Robert Fleming was in the city to day, and called at the banking-house of Drexel & Co., and also upon Gen. J. J. Wistar, the chairman of the Texas & Pacific Railroad Reorganization committee. He says that his visit at this time has no special significance; that he comes to this country twice a year, and that on this occasion he will probably remain three or four months. "There is nothing in this talk of a compromise with the income land-grant bondholders," he said, "and I think that the reorganization committee will not offer that class of security-holders any new terms. The committee regard the proposition already made to the land grants as not only fair but liberal." There will be a meeting on next Tuesday.

Mt. Pleasant Shops.

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Germany Wants to Crush It.

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—Emperor William has appointed Count Herbert Bismarck Prussian representative in the biedermeier.

The Krem Zeitung strongly supports the military bill, which it says will put Ger

many in a position to crush the ambition of France, which for centuries has spread

over Europe a spirit of vengeance and revolution and lust of conquest.

The French Army.

PARIS, Dec. 2.—In the chamber of deputies yesterday M. Keller condemned the proposal to reduce the pay of troops and drew a disparaging picture of the strength of the French army as compared with the German army, and moved that the amount of pay credit be raised to the original estimate. Gen. Boulangé, minister of war, replied that the arguments deduced from a comparison of the French and German armies could safely be left to those who asked the reichstag to increase the German army. The proposed reduction related simply to the terms of leave of absence granted to officers and men when their absence was convenient. M. Keller's motion was rejected. The Radical left has resolved to vote for the suppression of the public works budget.

The Rent Troubles.

DUBLIN, Dec. 2.—United Ireland publishes a legal opinion given by the Right Hon. Hugh Holmes, attorney-general of Ireland, to the government as to its right to suppress the new movement of the Irish National League which aims to beat the landlords by having tenants deposit with a trustee for tender such sums now demanded rents as the tenants believe fair and are able to pay. The line of action which the landlords proposed to have the government adopt to crush out this form of resistance was to arrest every person who should act as a trustee, thus rendering the league's plan of paying rent futile, the landlord's agents being, of course, debarred from accepting tenders below the landlord's figure. Attorney-General Holmes says that men have a legal right to act as trustees for tenants as proposed by the league, and the government has no right to arrest them for so acting. Holmes also advises the landlords to seek some method of getting their money from tenants which will not involve government assistance.

An Unrighteous Order.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The employees of the Philadelphia, Reading & Jersey Central, with the different divisions of the system, are greatly excited over circular notices which have been sent to them individually. There is widespread dissatisfaction among the men in consequence as the notices are regarded as arbitrary and oppressive. The circulars state: First, that all quarterly passes are to be returned at once and that none of them are good after November 30, 1886. Second, that no employee will be allowed to ride free after November 30. Third, that no employee will hereafter be allowed to live at a distance from his place of work except by special permission from the head of his department or the division superintendent. Fourth, when such special permission is given a special rate or season ticket may be obtained at the rate of one-half of a regular season ticket, good only between the place of residence and his work. This order applies to every man in the employ of the road, including clerks, engineers, conductors, train men of all kinds, mechanics and even to laborers. The order is considered a great hardship by the men, many of whom are poorly paid and live in suburban villages along the line of railroad. They cannot afford to pay rent in the city. Those who obtain special rates have about \$1.00 to \$1.50 per month added to their expenses. The indignation among the men is very strong and trouble is feared.

Galveston.

Special to the Gazette.

GALESVILLE, Tex., Dec. 2.—Mr. John Garner, one of the nine surviving San Jacinto veterans, was in town to-day. Mr. Garner is now seventy-eight years old, having been in Texas fifty-seven years. His recollections and experiences of his early life in Texas are quite interesting, and his conversations in reference to fighting Indians and other dangers incident to early days in Texas entertained a good many of his acquaintances.

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A Schooner Wrecked.

WATERTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 2.—An un-

known schooner went ashore at 10:30 o'clock this morning off Stony creek, about three and one-half miles from Woodville. She lay on the rocks with the waves breaking over her and is rapidly going to pieces. Three men and a woman are on board. The life saving crew from Big Sandy station has gone to attempt to rescue them.

TAMPERED WITH THE SWITCH.

Special to the Gazette.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 2.—On Tuesday evening about 5:00 o'clock a terrible accident was narrowly avoided on the Central railroad. Shortly before the Southern Pacific train was due at the depot in this city two boys, aged about thirteen, mislaid the switch near Chancy junction. Their names were Nathan McDonald, white, and Thomas Williams, colored. The Southern Pacific train comes into the city over the Houston & Texas Central track. Shortly

FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

A Conference of the Powers will Probably be Called to Settle the Bulgarian Question.

THIRTY MEN KILLED IN A COLLIER—Twelve Hundred French Troops Reported Lost in a Cyclone.

CONFERENCE OF THE POWERS NECESSARY.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 2.—Gen. Kaulbars arrived in St. Petersburg yesterday. He was met at the depot by a great crowd, who received him enthusiastically. The idea is growing that a conference of the powers regarding the Bulgarian question will be resorted to.

Russia is negotiating with the Parisian banks for a loan of 75,000,000 rubles.

THE CLEAR BACKING UP PRINCE NICHOLAS.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—It is stated that the czar is about to send Prince Nicholas of Mingrelia to the sultan to obtain his consent to the nomination of the prince as governor of Roumelia, with the object of eventually compelling the Bulgarians to accept him as ruler.

WALDEMAR OR ALEXANDER.

SOFIA, Dec. 2.—The delegation of Bulgarian nobles instructed by the government to visit the different powers personally and place before them the facts of the Bulgarian situation, started on its tour to-day. It is reported that the delegation has been instructed to demand that the powers shall either consent to have Prince Waldemar of Denmark elected to the Bulgarian throne or else permit the return of Alexander.

A CHANGE IN FOREIGN MINISTERS.

PARIS, Dec. 2.—A well-circulated report is current here to the effect that the czar has accepted the resignation of M. Degeer, foreign minister, and has appointed as successor Prince Lobanoff.

THIRTY MEN KILLED.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Thirty men were instantly killed by an explosion in the Lemore colliery in Durham to-day.

FRIGHTFUL LOSS OF LIFE.

ALGIERS, Dec. 2.—It is reported that the steamship Chandernager, with 1200 French troops on board, foundered during a cyclone and that all hands were lost.

THE RENT WAR.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—The ancient church of St. Mary Magdalene on Knight's street was partially destroyed by fire to-day. The same fire completely destroyed four warehouses in the same street. The total loss is £500,000.

A Farm House Burned.

Special to the Gazette.

WACO, Tex., Dec. 2.—Mr. L. C. Moore, who lives on the Rose farm, a few miles above the city, awoke at 2 o'clock this morning and discovered that his house was in flames. He barely had time to remove a part of his furniture and get his family out when the roof fell in. His loss is heavy, he being a poor man, did not have any insurance. Mr. Moore thinks some one set his house on fire, as the flames were first discovered where no fire had been at any time.

FIRE AT FORT SMITH.

Special to the Gazette.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Dec. 2.—A fire broke out at 4:30 this afternoon in the second story of Garlick's restaurant, on Madison avenue, and spread so rapidly that Trone Bros.' cigar store and Copie's confectionary establishment, on the other side, were wrecked so badly as to be almost a total loss. The buildings were all afire, and adjacent C. R. Jones & Co.'s wholesale flour house on one side, and a brick building belonging to R. G. Campbell of St. Louis on the other, both of which were saved without damage. C. R. Jones & Co.'s loss by removal of stock is considerable. The loss on the buildings burned, and the stock in them, is roughly estimated at \$50,000; insurance as follows: In Western Assurance of Toronto, \$200; Commercial of California, \$650, and Hibernia of New Orleans, \$95. Two of the burned buildings belonged to E. C. Ulgen, and one to Mrs. Mary Miller.

AT HOUSTON.

Special to the Gazette.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 2.—This morning at 3:15 o'clock the fire alarm sounded and the noble members of the department and probably 200 citizens turned out to what might have been a disastrous conflagration. The interior of the drug store of Dr. Erienneyer, at 90 Prairie street, was on fire, and when the front door was bursted open a dense and stifling volume of smoke poured out upon the fire boys. They, however, acted promptly. The flames were extinguished, and no damage was sustained by the adjoining buildings nor even the two upper floors of the building in which the fire was located. The entire contents of the establishment are ruined, either by fire, water or smoke, and the loss on stock is estimated at about \$50,000, on which there is an insurance of \$5000 in the Cotton & Bro. agency, \$1500 in the Southern of New Orleans and \$1500 in the St. Paul Fire and Marine. The building is a handsome three-story brick nearly new, and is the property of Mr. Henry Brashears. It is insured for \$8000 in the Owen Cochrane agency, \$8000 in Connecticut and \$8000 in the Anna. The fire was located among oils about the center of the establishment, and as no lamps were left burning and no access could have been gained into the store, the only plausible theory regarding the cause of the fire is combustion of chemicals. Dr. Erienneyer is in San Antonio, but is expected home this evening.

Horrible Death of a Child.

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AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 2.—A horrible casualty occurred about six miles out in the country to-day. Louis Eidenhinch, German, is a renter on the farm of Giles Bartlett. To-day he was burning the stubble of a field on which was a deep ravine. His little three-year-old child was, unknown to the parents, playing in the bottom of the ravine. The fire swept down into it and burned fiercely, consuming the child, whose charred remains were discovered as soon as he was missed.

AN ATTEMPTED LYNNING.

Special to the Gazette.

HUNTSVILLE, Tex., Dec. 2.—A mob of seventy-five determined and excited men visited the jail at Madisonville last night for the purpose of taking out and lynching Wm. H. Rae, held on charge of polluting his wife in April last, but were confronted by Sheriff Black and a strong guard, who had heard of their coming